



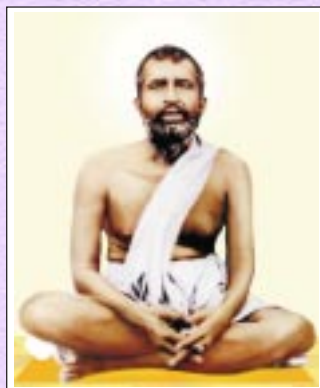
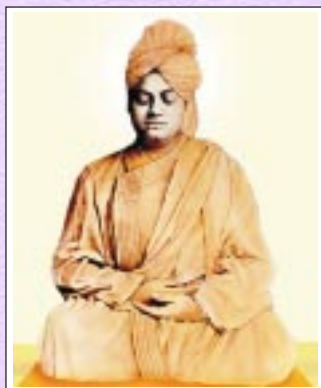
# VIDYALAYA NEWS

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## From the Editor's Desk

*Dear friends, staff and students, and alumni,*

At the outset we convey our warm greetings to all of you. As the narrated events in the following pages show, the achievements of our teaching staff and students deserve unstinted appreciation. The performance of the schools in the X and XII Std. final examinations has improved considerably -- without sacrificing the co-curricular and extracurricular programmes that are meant to assist the students to develop rounded personalities. In fact, this academic year we have introduced a music teacher for interested school children and trainees of our Community Polytechnic. Classical dance and music, devotional as they are, have a great wholesome effect on the mind.

Another two significant events are — release of the second edition of the highly appreciated *Thirukkural*, published years ago because of the untiring efforts of Sri T S Avinashilingam, the visionary Founder-Secretary of the Vidyalaya; the second was the inauguration of the indoor stadium, generally acclaimed for its standards, innovations and comparatively low-cost construction. Most of the electrification was done by the staff and students of our ITI.

Three new events that are forthcoming are — a hostel for the Maruthi College of Physical Education, for 250 students; a new building for the self-financing courses of our College of Arts and Science; and, the most important event for 2005 – the Platinum Jubilee Celebration of the Vidyalaya. The main functions will be from 03.02.2005 to 06.02.2005. Besides, each of our institutions has planned yearlong educational and cultural programmes, covering various segments of our society. We request all of you to participate, and also help monetarily to whatever extent.

With regards

Yours affectionately

*Swami Atmaramananda*

**Swami Atmaramananda**  
Secretary

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## General Events

The Kalpataru Day was observed with solemnity both in the Vidyalaya campus and Town Centre on 1 January 2004.

As usual the Gurupuja, celebrated in the Vidyalaya on 4 January, was attended by more than 20,000 devotees.

The Vidyalaya Day was celebrated on 3 February. On this day, one of the most important publications of the Vidyalaya, *Thirukkural*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, was released by Dr. N. Mahalingam. The function was presided over by Dr. K. Kulandaivel, Chancellor, Avinashilingam Deemed University, Coimbatore, and the Special Address was delivered by Sri N. Muruganandam, I.A.S., Collector, District of Coimbatore. The book, about 1700 pages, is priced at Rs.400/-.



The 169<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna was celebrated on 22 February. About 400 devotees attended.

In the TAT Kalanilayam, 40 poor students have been identified and are being provided breakfast free of cost on all working days of the school since June 2004.



The Annual Day and Hostel Day functions of the Vidyalaya High School were organised on 19 March.

The Annual Day function of the Swami Shivananda Higher Secondary School was conducted in the GKD Auditorium on 16 February.

Two staff members and 50 students of the Industrial Training Institute attended a seminar on 'Road Safety' conducted by the Regional Transport Office, Coimbatore, on 10 January.

The Hostel Day function of the Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development was conducted on 13 February.

Sri L. Sivasamy, District Employment Officer, spoke on 'Opportunities for Diploma Engineers' in the Polytechnic College on 23 January.

The Annual and Hostel Day function of the Polytechnic College was held on 13 February, for which Sri V. Ranganathan, former President, CODISSIA, was the Chief Guest.

The College conducted a one-day course on 'Soap powder, Phenyl and liquid blue making' in the Polytechnic premises on 13 February.

Further, the College, under its Community Polytechnic Scheme, conducted an Entrepreneurship Development programme for the trainees at the GKD Auditorium from 24 to 26 March.

Sanskrit classes for students of our Gandhi Teacher Training Institute commenced on 3 February. Sri Jothishkumar, an expert in Sanskrit, is conducting the classes.

7 students of the GTTI attended a 'Personality Development Training Programme' conducted by the Vivekananda Kendra at Kanyakumari from 6 to 9 February.

Sri K. Kandappan, NSS Programme Officer of our College of Arts and Science, was selected as the best NSS Programme Officer at the University-level for the year 2002 -2003.

Four NCC Cadets, R. Gowthaman, R. Ravikumar, P. Karthikeyan and M. Prabhakaran of the College attended the 15-day Army Attachment Camp held at Pallavaram, Chennai, from 28 December 2003 to 11 January 2004.

Major S.M. Mohan and five NCC Cadets, C. Rajkumar, M. Karthikeyan, J. Stephen Raj, R. Prasanth and M. Prakasam, of the College attended the 12-day National Integration Camp held at the Sainik School, Amaravathi Nagar, Udumalpet, from 8 to 19 January.

Dr. G. Gopal, former Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Coimbatore Region, took charge as the Secretary of the College from 2 February.



The College, in coordination with our Community Polytechnic organised an Orientation Programme on Leadership Development for leaders of Women Self Help Groups of Periyanaickenpalayam Block on 13 and 14 March. The programme was attended by leaders of 30 Self-Help Groups.

The Department of Social Work of the College, in coordination with Sheela Hospital, Coimbatore, conducted a free medical camp at Poochiyur on 10 April.



The College Day and Sports Day functions of the College were held on 26 March.

College of Arts and Science Ever Rolling Trophy for Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament was organised in the Maruthi College Grounds from 28 February to 4 March, in which teams of 18 colleges participated.

Dr. S. Jayaraman, Principal, College of Arts and Science, retired from service on 31 May. Dr. V. Kulandaiwamy was appointed in his place with effect from 1 June.

Swami Sarvarupanandaji assumed charge as Secretary of the College of Education and Maruthi College of Physical Education on 10 March. Swami Abhiramananda, who was Secretary of both the Colleges, left for Belur Math Training Centre to work as an Acharya.

The Graduation Ceremony of the Post-Matric Institutions of the Vidyalaya was held in the GKD Auditorium on 23 March, and the Graduation Ceremony of our 3 Colleges was on 25 March, presided over by Srimat Swami Atmavidanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysore.

The Maruthi College of Physical Education celebrated its College Day and the Hostel Day on 27 March.

Sri A. Shajudeen and Sri N. Sivasankaran, M.P.Ed. students of the Maruthi College of Physical Education, passed the 'A' Panel

Referees Examination conducted by the Basketball Federation of India.

The Maruthi College organised a Children's Play Festival at the Corporation Sports Complex, Nehru Stadium, Coimbatore, on 24 February. More than 1200 children belonging to Elementary and Matriculation Schools of Coimbatore district participated in the event.

The Maruthi College organised also a school children's rally from Ramalingam Chettiar Higher Secondary School to the Town Centre on 12 January to mark the National Youth Day. Sri A.N.Srinivasan, Principal, CRPF Training College, Coimbatore flagged off the rally.

Republic Day Celebrations were held at the Maruthi College of Physical Education grounds on 26 January. About 1700 students of the Vidyalaya participated in the march-past. Swami Hitakamanandaji, Treasurer, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya, hoisted the National Flag and delivered the Republic Day address.



Sri S. K. Narayandass, Head, Department of Physics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore, who is also an alumnus of the Vidyalaya, and Sri M.N.Ponnusamy, Professor, Department of Crystallography and Bio-Physics, University of Madras, bagged the Tamilnadu Scientists Award (TANSA) in Physical Sciences for the year 2003. The awards were instituted by the Tamilnadu State Council of Science and Technology, comprising a cash prize of Rs.10000/- and a citation.

The Graduation Ceremony and the College Day Celebrations of the College of Education were conducted on 25 March.

Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA-IED) scheme, Coimbatore District reached another milestone by opening Block Resource Centres in all the 22 blocks of the Coimbatore district. To mark the inauguration of all the centres, Sri N. Muruganandam, District Collector inaugurated the centre at Annur on 26 January.



Swami Abhiramananda, Secretary, IHRDC presided over the function.



Smt. Shanta Sheela Nair, Secretary, Social Welfare, Government of Tamilnadu and Sri N. Muruganandam, District Collector, Coimbatore, along with other officials of the district administration visited the IHRDC on 30 January, and held discussions regarding SHG activities.

The second phase of the Contact Programme for the III Batch B.Ed Special Education students of the Madhya Pradesh Bhoj Open University was conducted in the IHRDC from 5 to 25 February.

Screening programmes to identify children with disabilities were conducted by the staff of IHRDC in the Panchayat Union Primary Schools of Chinnamathampalayam, Bettathapuram, and Selvapuram on 4, 11 and 18 March, respectively.

A meeting of the representatives of the newly formed Self Help Groups was conducted in the IHRDC on 13 March. 40 persons with disabilities, representing 20 Self Help Groups participated in the meeting.

The Sign Language Department of the IHRDC organised an Orientation Programme on Sign Language in the CSI School for the Deaf, Kottaram, Kanyakumari District, from 8 to 12 March. 34 persons participated in the programme.

34 trainees and 10 staff members of the IHRDC went on an educational trip to Trichy, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Nagercoil, Palayamkottai, Kanyakumari, and Cochin during 23 to 27 March.

Sri M. Sankar, I.A.S., Secretary, Rural Development, Government of India, visited the Self Help Group Cluster Centres for the disabled on 7 May. The purpose of the visit was to review the implementation of the SHG scheme in Coimbatore District.



Swami Vishveshananda assumed charge as the Secretary of the IHRDC in the place of Swami Sarvarupananda on 25 May.

Dr. M.N.G. Mani, Director, IHRDC, was appointed by both NCTE and RCI to their joint committee to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Council for Teacher Education and Rehabilitation Council of India. He was also nominated by the University Grants Commission to the convener of the committee to review issues relating to higher education provisions for persons with disabilities.

### Seminars and Workshops

A seminar on 'Ways to become a successful entrepreneur' was conducted by the EMD Unit of the Polytechnic College on 28 January.

A seminar on 'Career Guidance in Software Field' was organised by the Polytechnic College on 11 February.

A seminar on 'Individual Potential Development' was conducted for the III year EEE and II year DCRE students by the Polytechnic College on 25 February.

A one-day seminar on 'Minor Games' for the teachers of matriculation schools was conducted by the Maruthi College of Physical Education on 20 March.





A National Seminar on 'Trends Emerging in Physical Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century' was conducted by the Maruthi College of Physical Education on 29 and 30 January. 132 eminent personalities in the field of Physical Education from different parts of the country participated.

A National Seminar on 'Quality Research in Teacher Education' was organised by the College of Education from 19 to 21 March. 66 participants from different parts of India participated.



A workshop for the primary school teachers on early identification and assessment of childhood disabilities was conducted in the

IHRDC on 29 and 30 January. The workshop was attended by 25 primary grade teachers. A training-cum-awareness programme on Mental Retardation was conducted by the IHRDC on 18 February, in which 25 parents attended.

A workshop on Sign Language to develop a lexicon and signs for the Banking terminologies was conducted in the IHRDC from 28 to 31 January, in which 10 bank officials from different parts of the country participated. A similar workshop for the same purpose was organised by the IHRDC in the Clarke School for the Deaf and Mentally Retarded, Chennai, from 17 to 21 March.

A workshop on 'Current Trends in Teaching Braille' was conducted in the IHRDC from 22 to 26 March, in which 25 special educators participated.

A workshop on 'Sensitisation of the Institutes on Implementation of the RCI-recognised courses through Credit Accumulation System' was conducted in the IHRDC from 1 to 3 April, in which 25 participants from RCI-recognised institutes from the states of Tamilnadu and Kerala participated.

## International Events

The staff of Vidyalaya took part in many international events. The details are given below.

Institution	Staff	Activity	Dates
IHRDC	Dr. M.N.G. Mani, Director	Attended ICEVI meeting in Hong Kong	13 - 16 January
		Participated in the Executive Committee Meeting of ICEVI in Malaysia	5 - 8 February
		Visited Vietnam to have discussions with special education officials of Government and Universities	9 - 11 February
		Spoke at the International Symposium on 'Sight First' organised by the Lions Clubs International Foundation in Seoul, Korea	27 - 28 March
		Conducted a workshop on 'Teaching Mathematics to Children with Visual Impairment' for the teachers of Visually Impaired Children in the South East Asia Region at Bangkok, Thailand	22 April - 7 May
		Had discussions with Government officials and voluntary organisations of Indonesia at Jakarta, to develop networks for maximising educational opportunities for blind children	2 - 4 May
		Spoke in the Africa Forum held at Midrand, South Africa	23 - 27 May
		Attended a meeting of the ICEVI South Asia Region at Bangkok, Thailand	16 - 17 June
	Sri G.R. Ramesh Research Officer	Acted as a Resource Person in a workshop on 'Teaching Mathematics to Children with Visual Impairment' for teachers of Visually Impaired Children in the South East Asia Region at Bangkok, Thailand	22 April - 7 May

The IHRDC is extending its services to organisations from other countries too. 14 candidates from Indonesia, 4 from Vietnam, 4 from Maldives, 2 from Ethiopia and 2 from Sri Lanka have already been enrolled for various training programmes organised by the IHRDC.



## National and Regional Events

The staff of Vidyalaya took part in many national and regional events. The details are given below :

Institution	Staff	Activity	Dates
Industrial Training Institute	G. Murali <i>Principal</i>	Participated in a regional awareness workshop on 'Vocational Education and Training' conducted by the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research, Chennai	26 - 27 March
	Sri G. Murali, <i>Principal</i> , and Sri C. Sivaramakrishnan	Attended a workshop on 'Vocational Training Facilities for School Dropouts At Various Levels' at the Technical Teachers Training Institute, Chennai	27 - 28 March
Polytechnic College	Sri S. Senthilkumar <i>Lecturer</i>	Attended a field training on 'Total Survey Station' at Shanmuga Arts and Science and Technology Research Academy (SASTRA), Thanjavur	27 - 31 January
	Sri S. Senthilkumar and Sri N. Balasubramani	Attended a workshop on 'Design of Earthquake Resistance Structures' at Kumaraguru College of Engineering, Coimbatore	16 - 17 April
	Sri S. Senthilkumar, Sri N. Balasubramani and Sri K. Perumal	Attended a seminar on 'Proposed Revision of I.S 800' organised by the Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai	22- 23 April
	Sri C. Easwaramurthy, <i>Project Officer</i>	Attended the Annual Review Meeting of the Community Polytechnics of Tamilnadu and Pondicherry States held at Arasan Ganesan Polytechnic, Sivakasi	28 - 29 May
College of Arts and Science	Dr. S. Jayaraman <i>Principal</i>	Attended a seminar on 'Vocationalisation of Higher Education' organised by the University of Madras	11 February
		Delivered a lecture on 'Non-Conventional Energy' in the National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Science and Technology' 'ESTAT 2004' organised by the Karunya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore	30 - 31 January
	Dr. S. Jayaraman, <i>Principal</i> , Dr. V. Kulandaiswamy, <i>HOD of Cooperation</i> , Dr. J. Paranjothi Ramalingam, <i>HOD of Social Work</i> , and Sri R. Sridhar, <i>HOD of M.C.A.</i> ,	Attended the Career Oriented Programme during a UGC Interface meeting held at the University of Madras, Chennai	14 February
	Dr. V. Chinusamy <i>Department of Chemistry</i>	Presented a paper in the International Symposium on 'Chemical Education and Research' held at the Loyola College, Chennai	4 - 7 January
	Sri A.V. Ramani <i>HOD of Computer Science</i>	Delivered a lecture on 'Concurrent Engineering' at the VNK College for Women, Mettupalayam	9 January
	Sri X. Lourdes Xavier Wilson <i>Department of Cooperation</i>	Presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Banking and Finance' at Providence College for Women, Coonoor	13 January
	Sri M. Muthukumar <i>Department of English</i>	Presented a paper in the International Conference on 'The Need of Thirukkural to the Modern World' organised by the Centre for Development of Tamil in Engineering and Technology, Anna University, Chennai	15 - 18 January
		Presented a paper in the UGC National Seminar on 'Female Voices in Poetry (since 1970)' organised by the Avinashilingam Deemed University, Coimbatore	22 January

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College of Arts and Science	<b>Sri A. Muthusamy</b> <i>Department of Chemistry</i>	Presented a paper in the International Seminar on 'Advances in Polymer Technology APT 04' organised by the Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin	16 - 17 January
	<b>Sri R. Chandrasekar</b> <i>Department of English</i>	Participated in the seminar on 'Teaching Translation Studies' conducted by the State Institute of English, Chennai	4 - 6 February
		Presented a paper in the 35 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the English Language Teachers' Association of India held at Chennai	6 - 7 February
	<b>Sri M. Muthukumar and Sri V. Neelakandan</b> <i>Department of English</i>	Also presented papers in the above said conference	6 - 7 February
	<b>Sri N.G. Balavenkatesh</b> <i>Department of Cooperation</i>	Participated in the National-level Symposium on 'Macro Policy Perspectives of Cooperative Sector' organised by the Tiruppur Kumaran College for Women, Tiruppur	12 February
	<b>Dr. J. Paranjothi Ramalingam</b>	Acted as moderator for a session in the State Level Workshop on 'Performance Indicators for Development Intervention Programme' at CSI Bishop Appasamy College, Coimbatore	17 February
	<b>Sri S. Suresh Babu</b> <i>NSS programme Officer</i>	Attended a Seminar on 'Health for all' conducted by the Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	29 - 30 January
	<b>Sri P.N. Kathirvel</b> <i>Department of Commerce</i>	Presented a paper in the seminar on 'Impact of Globalisation of Indian Industry' organised by the Hindustan College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore	21 February
		Participated in the National Seminar on 'Role of MNCs in Financial Sector' organised by the CMS College of Science and Commerce, Coimbatore	13 March 2004
		Presented a paper in the State-level Seminar on 'Significance of the Securitisation in NPA Management' organised by the Karpagam College of Arts and Science	20 March
	<b>Sri J. Ravichandran</b> <i>Department of Chemistry</i>	Participated in the seminar on 'Recent Trends in Electro Chemistry' organised by the Government Arts College, Coimbatore	3 March
	<b>Dr. V. Kulandaiswamy and Sri P. Murugesan</b> <i>Department of Cooperation</i>	Acted as Resource Persons in the National Seminar on 'Re-asserting the Cooperative Movement' organised by the Shivaji University, Kolhapur	25 - 26 March
	<b>Dr. V. Kulandaiswamy and Dr. J. Paranjothi Ramalingam</b>	Attended a National Workshop on 'Progressive Initiatives of Autonomous Colleges towards Excellence in Global Education' at PSG College of Arts and Science	18 - 20 March
	<b>Sri R. Sridhar</b>	Attended a seminar on 'Education – Key to Nation Building' at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore	27 March
		Attended a State-level seminar on 'Futuristic Perspectives of Colleges of Arts and Science in the Global Scenario' held at the D.B. Jain College, Chennai	30 - 31 March
	<b>Sri C. Jeyabalakrishnan</b> <i>Department of Chemistry</i>	Presented a paper in the National Symposium on 'Current Trends in Chemistry' hosted by the Department of Applied Chemistry, Cochin University of Science and Technology	15 - 17 March



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College of Arts and Science	<b>Dr. C. Viswanathan</b> <i>Department of Tamil</i>	Participated in the workshop on 'The Art of Questioning' conducted by the Kongunadu College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore	30 March
	<b>Dr. C. Thanikachalam</b> <i>Department of Cooperation and</i> <b>Sri M. Muthukumar</b> <i>Department of English</i>	Participated in a National Symposium on 'Cultural Education in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century India' held at Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetam (Deemed University), Coimbatore	8 - 9 May 2004
Maruthi College of Physical Education	<b>Dr. G. Palanisamy</b> <i>Principal</i>	Acted as Chief Guest for the Annual Sports Day function at Suburban Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Coimbatore	13 January
		Acted as Chief Guest for the Annual Sports Day function at R.V.S College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore	14 January
		Attended the State-level Basketball Referees Clinic organised by the Coimbatore District Basketball Association at the PSG College of Technology, Coimbatore	8 February
		Presented a paper on 'Construction and standardisation of skill test for male Basketball players' in the UGC-sponsored National Seminar organised by the Department of Physical Education and Sports Sciences, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar	5 March
	<b>Dr. G. Palanisamy,</b> <b>Dr.V. Perumal,</b> <b>Dr. V.S.T. Saikumar,</b> <b>Dr. S. Alagesan</b> and <b>Dr. S.T.N. Rajeswaran</b>	Acted as Resource Persons in the Distance Education Programme conducted by the Annamalai University Study Centre, Coimbatore	17 - 22 February
	<b>Dr. S.T.N. Rajeswaran</b> <i>Lecturer</i>	Accompanied the Bharathiar University Athletic Team as Coach-cum Team Manager for the All India Inter University Tournament held at Ranchi, Bihar	22 January - 3 February
College of Education	<b>Sri T. Jayabal</b> <i>Lecturer</i>	Attended a refresher course conducted by the Academic College of the Bharathiar University	1 - 22 March
	<b>Dr. N. Muthaiah</b> <i>Principal, and</i> <b>Dr. S. Sudarsan</b> <i>Reader in History</i>	Acted as External Examiners for the B.Ed. Practical examinations of the Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	17 - 18 February
IHRDC	<b>Dr. N. Muthaiah</b>	Delivered a lecture on 'Education of the Disabled' at St. Xavier's College of Education, Palayamkottai	24 February
		Acted as External Examiners for the B.Ed. Practical examinations of the Government College of Education for Women, Coimbatore	17 - 18 February
		Participated in the Advisory Committee Meeting of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC), held at New Delhi	16 February
		Participated in a meeting to discuss the 'role of media in creating awareness on disability' at New Delhi	8-9 March
		Attended the Executive Committee Meeting of RCI at New Delhi	29 March
IHRDC	<b>Dr. M.N.G. Mani</b> <i>Director</i>	Participated in the first Editorial Committee Meeting pertaining to the release of the 'Journal of RCI' held at the Rehabilitation Council of India, New Delhi	7 April 2004
		Attended Southern Regional Committee Meetings of the NCTE and various Expert Committee and Executive Committee Meetings of the Rehabilitation Council of India	



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IHRDC	Dr. M.N.G. Mani, Sri V. Gopalakrishnan and Sri V.R. Mathivanan	Attended a meeting of Rehabilitation Scientists organised by RCI at New Delhi	23 - 24 February
	Dr. Mani and Sri V.R. Mathivanan	Attended a meeting at SSA Directorate, Chennai, to discuss a SSA evaluation study	16 - 17 March
	Sri V.R. Mathivanan	Visited the National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped (NIMH), Secunderabad, to discuss about infrastructure facilities to be provided at the new centre that the NIMH proposes to start at Chennai	26 April
	Dr. M. Manivannan	Participated in a 3-day workshop on 'Development of a Handbook on Low Vision' organised by the RCI and ICEVI at New Delhi	6 - 8 January
	Dr. M. Manivannan and Sri S. Parthasarathy	Participated in a seminar on 'Quality Research in Teacher Education' organised by Ramakrishna Mission Vidyalaya College of Education	19 - 21 March
	Sri M. Masub Basha	Participated in a workshop on 'Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation' organised by Kovai Medical Centre Hospital, Coimbatore	6 March
	Sri A. Kamalkumar	Attended the XVI National Conference of Orthotics and Prosthetics Society of India, OPSI – 2004, at Bhubaneswar	23 - 25 January
	Sri M. Masub Basha and Sri A. Kamalakumar	Acted as Resource Persons in the 'Orientation Programme on Locomotor Disability for the Headmasters of Primary Schools' organised at Pongalur	16 February
	Sri V.R. Mathivanan, Dr. M. Manivannan, Sri G.R. Ramesh and Sri G. Amaresh	Acted as Resource Persons in the 'Orientation Training for Teachers and Community-Based Rehabilitation Workers' conducted by the Department of Social Welfare, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, at Port Blair	17 - 22 May
	Sri S. Babu and Sri M. Subramanian	Visited Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bangalore, to discuss about the new Tamil software developed by scientists of the IIS. The software can convert printed matter in Tamil into documents and also the Tamil text scanned material can be converted to document form in the computer	19 April
	Sri G. Amaresh	Attended a workshop organised by the Chief Commissioner of Disabilities, Karnataka, on 'Issues of the Hearing Impaired Children in Karnataka'	28 - 30 April
		Attended a meeting organised by Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for Hearing Handicapped (AYJNHH), Mumbai to discuss about the requirement of infrastructure facilities for institutions offering the Diploma Course on Sign Language	8 June

### Award of Doctoral Degree

Sri A. Murugavel, Department of Cooperation, College of Arts and Science, was awarded a Doctoral Degree by the Bharathiar University on 4 February.



## Camps

The Community Polytechnic Scheme of the Polytechnic College organised an awareness camp on 'Hygiene and Health' at Arivoli Nagar, No.4 Veerapandi Village, on 11 February.

The Annual Scouts Camp for the B.Ed. students of the College of Education was conducted from 19 to 28 January.

A measurement-taking camp for supply of calipers and assistive devices for children with locomotor disability was conducted by the IHRDC staff on 18, 19 and 20 March at Pollachi, Tiruppur and Coimbatore respectively. Measurement of calipers and crutches for 150 clients were taken, and subsequently the centre manufactured the assistive devices.

## Academic Excellence

Sri G. Sundar and Sri A. Arunkumar, III year Diploma in Electrical and Electronics course students of the Polytechnic College presented a paper on 'Renewable Energy Sources' at the State-level ISTE Seminar, at Athiparasakthi Polytechnic College, Melmaruvathur, on 22 January, and secured the first prize.



Sri B. Selvakumar, II M.Sc. Physics student of our College of Arts and Science, presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'Emerging Trends in Science and Technology- ETSAT 2004' held at the Karunya Institute of Technology, Coimbatore. Sri Pon Sathyamurthy, II M.Sc. Physics student, also presented a paper entitled 'Black Nickel Selective Surfaces for Photo-thermal Conversion of Solar Energy' in the seminar. Both of them have won the Best Paper Award for their respective papers.

Sri M. Muthukumar, II B.Sc. Chemistry of the College of Arts and Science, received a shield and certificate on 19 February for his participation in the Republic Day Parade held at New Delhi.



Sri A. Saravanan and Sri N. Prasanna, III B.Sc. Electronics students of the College of Arts and Science, won the Second Prize in the E. Designing Inter-collegiate Competition organised by the Karpagam College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, on 27 February.

Sri M. Kamaraj, I MSW student of the College of Arts and Science, won the first prize in the Instrumental Music Competition conducted for physically handicapped persons by the CSI Bishop Appasamy College on 28 February.



Sri M.A. Sree Balakumar, M.Sc. Physics student of the College of Arts and Science, won the Belur Math Human Excellence Award for the year 2003-2004.

Sri R. Prakasam, M.Phil. Physics student of the College of Arts and Science, won the first prize in the State-level Competition 'Ezhumin! Vizhimin!' organised by the Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari from 6 to 9 March.

Sri S. Sivakumar, I M.Sc. Physics, and Sri P. Kannan and Sri C. Baskar, I B.Sc. students, of the College of Arts and Science secured first prizes in the Tamil Essay Writing and Quiz Competitions respectively, in the State-level Inter-collegiate Meet Tachyon's 04, organised by the Kongunadu College of Arts and Science in February.

On 5 March, Sri S. Kishorekumar, M.Phil. student of the Maruthi College, received a Gold Medal from the Governor of Tamilnadu at the convocation of the Bharathiar University for academic excellence in the M.P.Ed. degree course.

Sri B. Anandasekar, B.Ed. student of the College of Education, received the Kamaraj Endowment Merit Scholarship of Rs. 3000/- from the Bharathiar University for the year 2003-2004.

## Sports Column

The All Vidyalaya Inter-Institutions Sports and Games Competitions for the year 2003-04 were held in the Maruthi College grounds from 21 December 2003. The results of the events were as follows:

S.No.	Event	Position	Institution
1.	Volley ball	Winner	College of Arts and Science
		Runner	Polytechnic
2.	Kho-Kho	Winner	College of Arts and Science
		Runner	GTTI
3.	Kabaddi	Winner	Polytechnic
		Runner	College of Arts and Science
4.	Football	Winner	College of Arts and Science
		Runner	GTTI
5.	Table Tennis	Winner	Polytechnic
		Runner	College of Arts and Science
6.	Ball Badminton	Winner	College of Arts and Science
		Runner	Industrial Training Institute
7.	Shuttle Badminton	Winner	Polytechnic
		Runner	College of Arts and Science
8.	Basketball	Winner	College of Arts and Science
		Runner	Industrial Training Institute
9.	Chess (Staff)	First	Sri C.S. Rajkumar, Polytechnic
		Second	Dr. V. Ramakrishnan, COE
		Third	Sri T. Sasitharan, CAS



The Maruthi College Kabaddi team emerged as runners up in the Inter-collegiate Kabaddi Tournament organised by the Kamadhenu College of Arts and Science, Sathyamangalam, on 8 and 9 January. The team also won the Open Kabaddi Tournament organised by the Vivekananda Welfare Association, Tholampalayam, on 7 and 8 February,

The College's Volleyball Team secured V place in the District-level Open Volleyball Tournament organised by the Brothers Volleyball Club, Tiruppur, from 24 to 26 January. The team secured the IV position in the State-level Volleyball Tournament held at Irugur, Coimbatore, on 18 and 19 February. In the tournament, Sri Ranjith, B.P.Ed. student of the college was adjudged the best player. The team also secured the II position in the District-level Volleyball tournament organised by the KMVC Club, Coimbatore, held from 20 to 22 February.

The Maruthi College Cricket Team emerged winners in the SRMV CAS EVER ROLLING TROPHY held on 1 March.

Sri S. Venkatesan, M.P.Ed., and Sri S. Ravishanker, B.P.Ed., students of the Maruthi College, were selected for the Bharathiar University Athletic Team to compete at the All India Inter-University Tournament at Ranchi, Bihar.

### Literary, Cultural and Skill Competitions

Sri S.S. Kamalakannan, DCRE, and G. Sundar, DEEE, students of the Polytechnic College, secured the third prize in the Science

Quiz Competition conducted by Sri Narayanaguru Polytechnic College on 28 January.

Sri M. Ramakrishnan and Sri B.R. Saravanan, B.Ed. students of the College of Education, secured the second prize in the elocution competition and cartoon drawing competition, respectively, organised by the Citizens Voice Club, Coimbatore, on 'Consumer Awareness Competitions 2003'.

Sri S. Senthilkumar and Sri C. Veluchamy, B.Ed. students of the College of Education, secured first prize in Mimicry and third prize in Classical Dance respectively, in the Inter-Collegiate Competitions – Sarada FIESTA 2004, organised by the Sarada College of Education, Salem, on 6 February.

### Alumni Association Meetings

The Alumni Association meeting of the Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development was conducted on 17 April in which 34 alumni attended.

The Annual Alumni Association meeting of the Polytechnic College was conducted at the GKD Auditorium on 15 February. Two notable alumni of the College, Sri V. Sundaram and Sri Manickam, were felicitated in the meeting.

The Alumni Association Meeting of the College of Education for the year 2004 was conducted in the campus on 15 February, in which 72 alumni participated.

## STUDENTS PERFORMANCE IN THE X Std. EXAMINATIONS

### Vidyalaya High School



E. Arun  
461 / 500



S. Karthikeyan  
459 / 500



P. Bharathkumar  
453 / 500



R. Vignesh  
469 / 500  
Centum in Maths



A. Anandhakumar  
457 / 500  
Centum in Maths



V. Dhinesh  
449 / 500  
Centum in Maths



D. Karthik  
Centum in Maths



R. Mohanraj  
Centum in Maths

### Swami Shivananda Hr. Sec. School (English Medium)



484 / 500  
S. Venkataraman  
Centum in Maths  
& Science



481 / 500  
S. Arunbabu  
Centum in Maths



471 / 500  
J. Venkataraman  
Centum in Maths



A. Parthiban  
Centum in Maths



R. Dheenadayalan  
Centum in Maths



P. Santhosh  
Centum in Maths



M. Vidyanandhini  
Centum in Maths



B. Umamaheswari  
Centum in Maths



M. Sri Santhikalakshmi  
Centum in Maths



## Results

### 10<sup>th</sup> Standard Results - March 2004

S. No.	Details	SRKV High School	SSHSS English Medium	SSHSS Tamil Medium
1	No. of students appeared	40	36	56
2	No. of students passed	40	36	54
3	Highest total mark	481	484	469
4	No. of Centums	5 (all in Maths)	10 (9 Maths, 1 Science)	5 (all in Maths)
5	Class average	78.20	86.42	69.40
6	Marks above 90%	4	14	2
7	Marks above 80%	12	31	18
8	Marks above 70%	18	36	30
9	Marks above 60%	6		41

S. No.	Details	SRKV High School		SSHSS English Medium		SSHSS Tamil Medium	
		Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest
1	Tamil	90	51	95	66	91	39
2	English	83	49	95	79	84	31
3	Mathematics	100	70	100	84	100	36
4	Science	98	60	100	64	98	29
5	Social Science	96	46	97	50	98	27

### 12<sup>th</sup> Standard Results - March 2004

S. No.	Details	SSHSS
1	No. of students appeared	127
2	No. of students passed	125
3	Highest total mark	1138 / 1200
4	No. of Centum	3 (Maths-1, Chemistry-1, Biology-1)
5	Class average	76.2
6	Marks above 90%	7
7	Marks above 80%	53
8	Marks above 70%	94
9	Marks above 60%	115

S. No.	Subject Name	SSHSS	
		Highest	Lowest
1	Tamil	186	70
2	English	179	83
3	Maths	200	78
4	Physics	199	90
5	Chemistry	200	106
6	Biology	199	106
7	Computer Science	194	119
8	Accountancy	199	75
9	Commerce	194	57
10	Statistics	186	87



The results of the Higher Secondary Examinations held during March 2004 were declared on 11 May. In the Swamy Shivananda Higher Secondary School, of the 127 students who appeared for the examination only 2 have failed. The highest mark scored in the school was by Sri M. Arunachalam scoring 1138/1200 marks.

The results of the B.P.Ed. and the M.P.Ed. courses were declared in June. Out of a total of 91 students, 7 passed with distinction, 89 students passed in First Class, and the remaining 2 passed in Second Class.

## Placements

Campus interviews for the selection of 'Field Supervisor' were conducted for the students of the Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development by various firms such as M/s. Rasi Seeds, Salem, Maxi Yield Farm Solutions, Villupuram, Symbiosis Agro Management, Trichy, and Shanan Agro Products Private Limited, Karnataka. All the students received their letters of appointment, which is remarkable.

The HRD Senior Manager of Spicer India Industries, Darwad, conducted an in-campus interview in the Polytechnic College, through which 6 students were selected and joined duty on 1 February. Another campus interview by M/s. ABT Industries Ltd. was conducted on 21 April. Of the 33 students who attended, 9 have been shortlisted for the final interview.

Sri M. Murugan, H.P.Ed., Sri P. Elumalai and Sri Senthil Balaji, M.P.Ed. students of the Maruthi College of Physical Education, got appointments as Physical Directors in different schools of the Coimbatore District through the Employment Cell of the College. A campus interview for the College of Education students was conducted by AMG Matriculation School, Dharmapuri, on 20 February, and another campus interview was conducted by Vijay Vidyalaya Matriculation Higher Secondary School, Dharmapuri on 22 February.

From the college of Arts and Science, all but 4 of the 79 MCA students (since 2001) found placements in various firms or are pursuing higher education abroad.

Similarly, of the 354 B.Ed. and 60 M.Ed. who had graduated since 2001 from the College of Education, 298 have found placements, while 33 of them are pursuing higher education.

## Farewell

- **Dr. S. Jayaraman**, Principal, College of Arts and Science, retired from his service on 31 May. He was an authority in the field of solar energy. The Vidyalaya hopes to persuade him to continue his association with it after he returns from a short personal visit to the USA.
- **Sri R. Palanisamy**, Accountant, Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development, retired from service on 31 January.
- **Sri P. Krishnamurthy**, Fieldman, Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development, retired from service on 29 February.
- **Sri K. Jagadeesan**, Head, Department of Civil Engineering of the Polytechnic College retired from service on May.



The Vidyalaya places on record the valuable services offered by these retiring staff.

## Town Centre

The College of Arts and Science organised an Inter-Collegiate Verse Competition pertaining to Holy Mother Saradadevi at our Town Centre on 13 March, in which students from 17 colleges participated.

A Students' Spiritual Retreat was conducted by the Gandhi Teacher Training Institute in the Town Centre on 30 May. A quiz programme on the book 'Sacred Touch' was also conducted on the same day.



Swami Akhandananda

'The master (Sri Ramakrishna) has still kept me alive for his work. Distribute your Self among others and bring other souls within yourself. You will see how much joy you will get from it. On the other hand if you are always busy about yourself, you will be entangled within yourself, you will kill your Self, and you will die. [Not knowing the Self is akin to suicide or death.] The more you disseminate yourself among the people, the more you will attain bliss and that will lead you to Self-realisation.'

— Swami Akhandananda, a brother-disciple of Swami Vivekananda

'O Lord, I do not want any kingdom, nor heavenly pleasure, nor even escape from rebirth. But I do want the affliction of all beings tormented by the miseries of life to cease. O Lord, is there any way I may enter into the hearts of all beings and always share the burden of their sufferings?'

— Rev. Swami Akhandanandaji Maharaj had heard this prayer, ascribed to a sage named Rantideva, while it was being recited daily by the renowned Kaviraj Jhandu Bhat of Jamnagar, Gujarat.



## Indoor Stadium



The indoor stadium built in our campus at a cost of Rs.1.36 crores, with facilities to conduct such games as basketball, volleyball, shuttle badminton and ball badminton. It is been named after Sri S. Venkatakrishnan, a dedicated and ardent promoter of basketball in Coimbatore. It was inaugurated on Wednesday, 3 March 2004, by Srimat Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj, General Secretary, Ramakrishna Math and Mission. Swami Gautamanandaji Maharaj, President, Ramakrishna Math, Mylapore, Chennai, opened the basketball court and Sri P.W.C. Davidar, I.A.S., Member Secretary, SDAT, Chennai, opened the volleyball court. Swami Atmaramananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission

Vidyalaya, welcomed the gathering; the Key Note Address was delivered by Thiru N. Muruganandam, I.A.S., District Collector, Coimbatore; the Special Address was given by Thiru P.W.C. Davidar; Srimat Swami Smarananandaji Maharaj, delivered the Presidential Address. Dr. Jayaram Varadaraj, President, Coimbatore District Basketball Association and the Managing Director, ELGI Equipments LTD, Coimbatore, gave the Vote of Thanks. Some of our alumni, namely A. Raj Kumaran, R. Bharadwaj, R. Kumar, and R. Sathish Kumar, who have excelled in sports were honoured.



## Platinum Jubilee Celebrations —Proposed Programmes



So the Vidyalaya has begun taking steps to celebrate its Platinum Jubilee in 2004-05 with yearlong special programmes. The main function will be from Thursday, 3 February, to Sunday, 6 February 2005. Broadly, the various programmes planned are:

- ☛ Religious - Homa, Puja, etc.
- ☛ Educational - Exhibitions, seminars, distribution of education kits, State-level competitions, presentation of papers on technical/non-technical topics, new publications
- ☛ Cultural - Classical music, dance, drama, and patti-mandram; folk arts + Sports - Tournaments, also for the disabled
- ☛ Service - Providing drinking water to one or two dry areas, free tuition, distribution of clothes, providing micro-credit, anna-daanam

These programmes, both within and outside Vidyalaya, will be taken up by our various institutions, according to their choice.

***In summary, the first half of 2004 was packed full with academic events. With our Colleges and Schools scheduled to reopen in the second half of 2004, many more events can be seen recorded in the next issue of the 'Vidyalaya News'.***

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